

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> the application of)	
)	Attorney Docket No. NGBCP007
Masakatsu ENDO et al.)	
)	Examiner: T. Le
Application No. 10/506,453)	
)	Group Art Unit: 2622
Filed: June 7, 2005)	
)	Confirmation No. 9994
For: IMAGE OUTPUT SYSTEM INCLUDING)	
A PLURALITY OF UNITS CONNECTED)	Date: March 9, 2009
BY COMMUNICATIONS WITH)	
MASTER-SLAVE RELATION)	
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2008. A response to this Office Action was due on January 7, 2009. Accordingly, Applicants are concurrently submitting a request for a two-month extension of the period for response (please note that March 7, 2009 fell on a Saturday). Please amend this application as follows:

The **Amendments to the Claims** made herein are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.